

I was disheartened when Sinclair Broadcasting prohibited their stations from airing Nightline when Ted Koppel paid tribute to our U.S. soldier's killed in Iraq. Now, Sinclair's partisan politics is coming into play again. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is reprehensible.

Sinclair abuses the public airwaves free of charge, and fails its legal obligation to serve the public interest. When the media becomes an arm of the government, democracy is compromised. We, the people, must decide how our public airwaves are used; the airwaves do not belong to major corporations or the politicians who accept money from these corporations. The reciprocity of eased regulations allowing Sinclair to expand and contributions to the political party that has assisted in easing those regulations is public knowledge.

Sinclair's actions show that we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. It is time for the FCC to act on behalf of the American public. Thank you.